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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Schneider, et al.)

Serial No.: 09/266,889)

Art Unit: 1619

Filed: March 12, 1999)

Examiner: M. Hartley

For: Ultrasound Contrast Agents And)
Methods Of Making And Using Them)

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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**AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2000 issued in connection with the above referenced application, Schneider et al., U.S.S.N. 09/266,889 (hereinafter referred to as "the '889 application"). A response to the September 18, 2000 Office Action was originally due December 18, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the September 18, 2000 Office Action ("Office Action"). The fee for a three-month extension of time is EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS (\$890.00) and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now March 19, 2001. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

In The Claims

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), Applicants hereby submit a clean version of the entire set of pending claims as amended. A separate marked up version of the amended claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(2)(ii) is also submitted herewith.

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